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South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 2, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

A relatively dry week for most of the state caused soil moisture levels to quickly dry out after the previous wet week. This also allowed producers ample time to catch up on field activities. Some low areas were noted to still have excessive soil moisture in the Lowcountry region. Temperatures and humidity levels were rising with heat indexes exceeding 100 degrees in some areas. Cotton continued to square as producers took advantage of the dry weather to catch up on spraying activities. Soybean planting neared completion as most fields had emerged and some began to bloom. Heavy volumes of tomatoes, watermelons, squash, cucumbers, and beans were all being harvested in the Lowcountry region.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures and ranges remained in good condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/02/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	94	74	87	89
Cotton - Squaring.....	47	18	27	44
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	10	5	11	9
Peaches - Harvested	52	37	49	49
Peanuts - Pegging.....	51	34	48	53
Soybeans - Planted	99	87	96	95
Soybeans - Emerged	95	74	85	87
Soybeans - Blooming.....	17	NA	6	8
Tobacco - Topped.....	58	18	28	41
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	96	62	82	94

(NA) Not available.

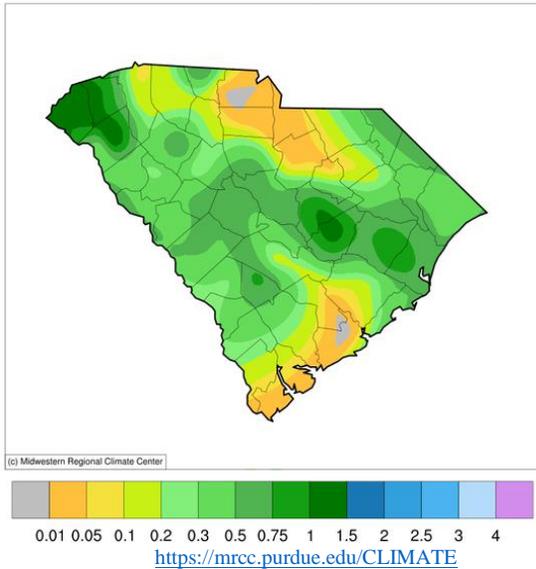
Conditions for Week Ending 07/02/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	16	74	8
Corn.....	0	0	10	74	16
Cotton.....	0	0	34	58	8
Pasture and range....	1	3	22	71	3
Peaches.....	10	15	41	34	0
Peanuts.....	0	0	13	82	5
Soybeans.....	0	0	16	80	4
Tobacco.....	0	5	14	75	6

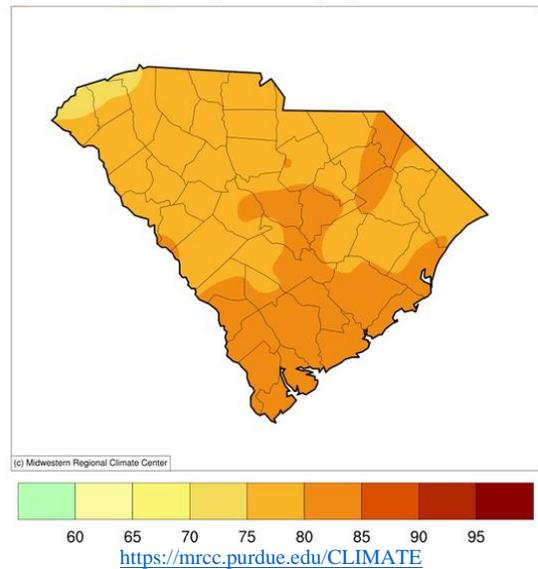
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/02/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	7
Short.....	12	13
Adequate.....	65	72
Surplus.....	23	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	14	15
Adequate.....	71	79
Surplus.....	15	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 26, 2023 to July 02, 2023

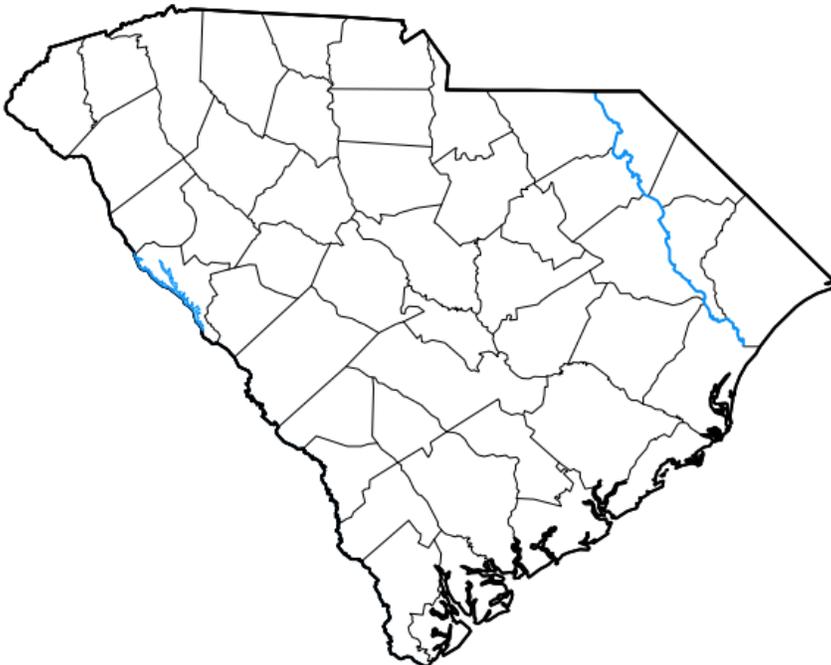


Average Temperature (°F)
June 26, 2023 to July 02, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

June 27, 2023
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>06-20-2023</i>	94.49	5.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>03-28-2023</i>	82.62	17.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>06-28-2022</i>	0.85	99.15	62.77	10.44	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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